The Repeater

The W6VVR Newsletter

The Newsletter for July 2024

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THE VACA VALLEY RADIO CLUB WELCOMES YOU

The Vaca Valley Radio Club has proudly served the Northern Solano County Area since 1988. We pride ourselves in providing a friendly place for radio amateurs to meet and improve their operating skills.

We participate in public service events throughout the year and are always ready to assist with communications during times of emergency.

Browse our website for more information about our club. If you have any questions, please e-mail us at w6vvr@w6vvr.net or call 707-448-5665 for assistance.

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General Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM See the directions on the last several pages.

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A Message from The Editors of The Repeater

Welcome to July!

Field Day has come and gone! Lots of pictures to see both in here and online.

More about it below!

The Vaca Valley radio Club wishes to thank both the Solano County OES members, BOB Hawkins, and the ARES East Bay Section Emergency Coordinator, Dan Goldstein, for taking the time to stop by and visit with us, it was greatly appreciated.

This July, we will continue the training we began in April. This month we will start the first part of the National Incident Management System - IS-200, Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response. Due to it being a large training , the course takes 2 full 8 hour days to normally complete.

This is the third of the four (4) basic Incident command system training programs we as amateur radio operators should be versed in so we may assist public service agencies.

We should be able to practice and be ready for any emergency. And with Field Day come and gone, valuable lessons were learned by all when it comes to hot weather.

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A Message from The President

Unfortunately, as of the publishing deadline, I did not receive any message from the President Servando Miramontes, K6SRV

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A message from the Vice President

Unfortunately, as of the publishing deadline, I did not receive any message from the Vice President Dan Martin N6ETR

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A message from the Treasurer

We're starting out the year on a better note, financially, than we ended last year. I noticed that a lot of folks are delinquent in their membership. If you get a second notice for membership, and you had mailed in your payment, please let me know. Sometimes I don't get to the mailbox as frequently as I would like. Here's the current financial situation at the end of June. Field Day items have already been accounted for

Bryan, KBØA

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A Message from the Secretary

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Meetings recorded by the Secretary

VACA VALLEY RADIO CLUB MEETING
06/13/2024

I. Flag Salute

II. Discussion about Field Day

Adjourned at 8:40.

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Special Event For July!!!

It's that time of year again when our country celebrates its declaration to be independent from British rule. In honor of that celebration, various stations from the original 13 colonies, Great Britain, and France will once again be celebrating with the 13 colonies special event.

The contest runs from 0900 Eastern Time, July 1st through 2359 Eastern Time, July 7th.

Why not get on HF and give it a try? Who knows you might make the clean sweep!

This is a link to further information: http://www.13colonies.us/

GOOD LUCK!

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June Field Day Is Over!!!

This years Field Day was especially challenging with the heat and no wind until very late at night.

Hopefully everyone learned something about dealing with a station when conditions aren't the best. Yes, we had extreme heat 95+ and almost no wind for both days of the event. Shade was precious for those that had it from the trees, Servando.

Those that had their stations inside their campers – BOO!!! LOL. Just kidding Don, I envied you totally, sitting in the air conditioning doing CW.

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Those in tents had it rough without wind. I know sitting on the site I picked, without any trees at all and no shade, made it especially challenging to keep everything cool. And no, the awning didn't really help.

My site , junk and all!

No Trees!!!

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Dan’s site

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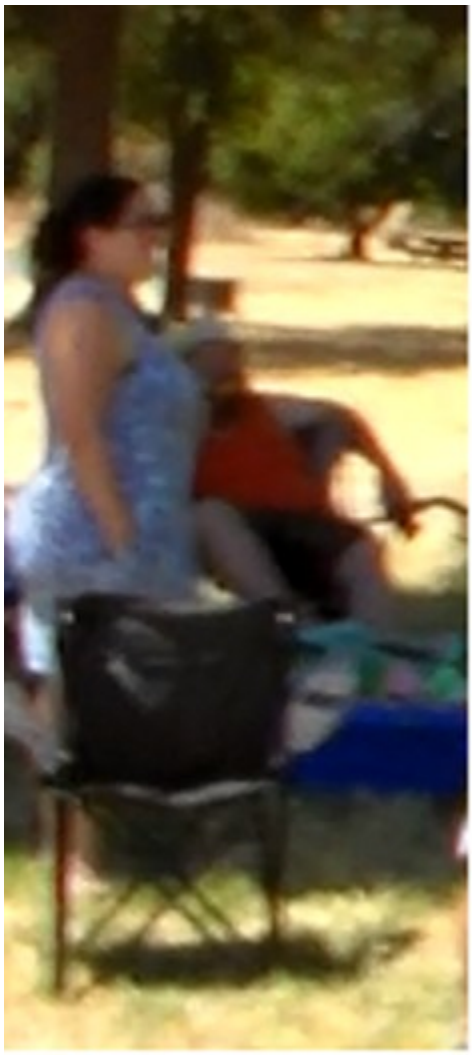
Having that baby pool was a great idea Kellen! Made me jealous.



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Servando had it made in the shade!

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Chris had shade

Even with the weather, everyone persevered.

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The most popular spot of the entire event!!!

The food was great and the club wishes to thank Colleen KF6AJN for the effort made in cooking. I realize the heat wasn't as bad under the awnings but it was still hot to have to cook in. And Yes! We did appreciate that delicious food!

We had a good turnout and we are looking forward to seeing more members join us there next year!

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Plans for next years June Field Day

After using Brannan Island SRA for the last two years, perhaps we could consider seeing about the idea of setting up at a local store or a neighborhood park to increase the visibility of the club and Amateur Radio.

We have several shopping plazas around the area, and there are numerous local parks that could be used.

I do realize that most cities are going to have very stringent rules regarding the use of parks, and the local businesses might not be receptive to the idea of us setting up in a parking lot which will block customers from coming.

I do feel however that trying to locate a place that has much more visibility would be advantageous to both the club and Amateur Radio as a whole.

Perhaps it is something the board could look at.

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Now that Field Day is over….

Did anyone know there is a group that does a **WINTER FIELD DAY?**

Vaca Valley Radio Club Winter Field Day

While it is not an official ARRL sanctioned event, it is good practice to get you out of the winter doldrums.

The event has been going since 2007 and each year grows larger as more people join.

I participated last year semi involved (from home and only when I could find some time)

It can be an interesting exercise to try out when the weather is rainy and gloomy and your solar panels aren't working at their best or at all. (mine were minimal.) Or imagine that snow storm if you were up in the Sierras.

Think about it now, what type of weather will we have? Rain, Sunny, Windy? If you had to leave your house, what would you use? Pretend you don't have that camper or RV, could you make it using a tent in a park?

After all, like they say, emergencies don't just happen when the weather is nice. Ask Texans about that.

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The rules are a bit more strict about electrical appliances as far as field day goes than the ARRL Field Day :

This is the excerpt from the rules:

Operate 100% on alternative power: This means any power not connected to the commercial power grid. Generators, batteries, solar power, and wind are all possible alternative power sources. Batteries in use should only be recharged using alternate power. When not in use, batteries may be charged by any means available. *WFD stations should run all station equipment, accessories, lights, heaters, etc., from the alternate power source,* except the logging-only computer, which may be connected to the power grid or any power source available. *If you use a laptop for Digital modes, this should not be connected to the power grid but should also be powered by batteries.*

Think of ways to have lighting, such as the led strips for cars and trucks that are flexible:

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Now obviously you need to let your conscience be your guide as far as following the rules, but as they say, don't get hung up on the rules the idea is to practice ecomm.

The history of the event can be found here:

https://winterfieldday.org/history.php

This is a link to the Home page for the site:

https://winterfieldday.org

Why not consider giving it a try??

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This Month We Continue Talking About The Basics Of The Incident Command System!

IS-200 – Basic Incident Command System For Initial Response

Due to the length of this course, I will be reviewing it over the next several newsletters. The actual course is taught over a 2 day period, for 8 hours each day.

Lets review what ICS is:

Incident Command System:

Is a standardized management tool for meeting the demands of small or large emergency or non-emergency situations

Represents "best practices," and has become the standard for emergency management across the country

May be used for planned events, natural disasters, and acts of terrorism

Is a part of the National Incident Management System (NIMS)

ICS is not just a standardized organizational chart, but an entire management system.

Why ICS?

All levels of government, the private sector, and nongovernmental agencies must be prepared to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from a wide spectrum of major events and natural disasters that exceed the capabilities of any single entity.

Threats from natural disasters and human-caused events, such as terrorism, require a unified and coordinated national approach to planning and to domestic incident management.

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Homeland Security Presidential Directives

HSPD-5, Management of Domestic Incidents, identified steps for improved coordination in response to incidents. It required the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to coordinate with other Federal departments and agencies and State, local, and tribal governments to establish a National Response Framework (NRF) and a National Incident Management System (NIMS).

HSPD-8, National Preparedness, directed DHS to lead a national initiative to develop a National Preparedness Systema common, unified approach to strengthen the preparedness of the United States to prevent and respond to threatened or actual domestic terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies.

Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8), National Preparedness, describes the Nation's approach to preparedness-one that involves the whole community, including individuals, businesses, community- and faith-based organizations, schools, tribes, and all levels of government (Federal, State, local, tribal and territorial).

National Incident Management System Overview

NIMS provides a consistent framework for incident management at all jurisdictional levels regardless of the cause, size, or complexity of the incident.

NIMS provides the Nation's first responders and authorities with the same foundation for incident management for terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and other emergencies.

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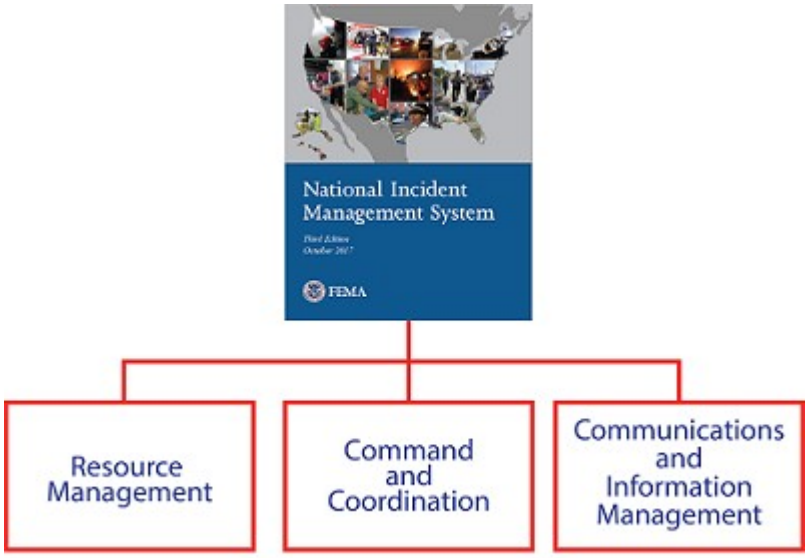
Major components of NIMS

Jurisdictions and organizations involved in the management of incidents vary in their authorities, management structures, communication capabilities and protocols, and many other factors.

The major components of NIMS provide a common framework to integrate these diverse capabilities and achieve common goals.

The application of all three components is vital to successful NIMS implementation.



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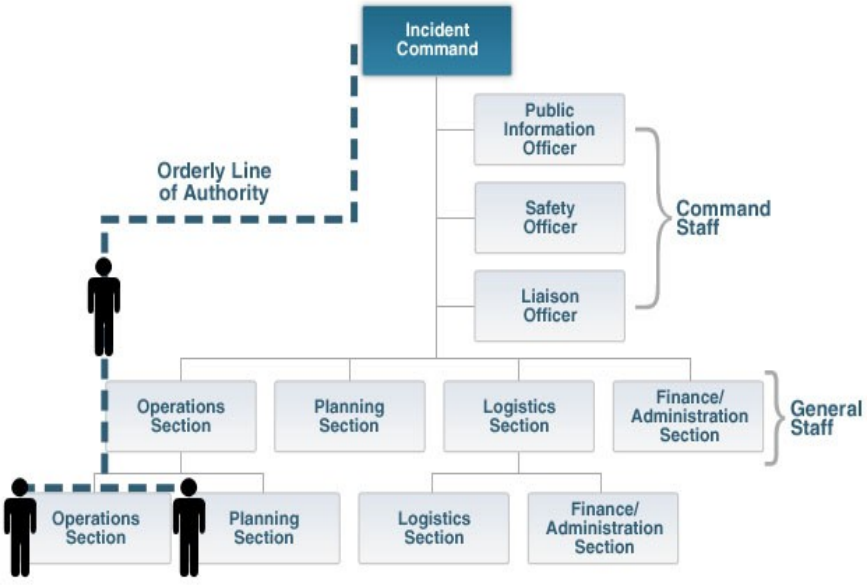
This course builds on what you learned in ICS 100 about NIMS Management Characteristics.

The NIMS Management Characteristics are listed below.

Common Terminology
Modular Organization
Management by Objectives
Incident Action Planning
Manageable Span of Control
Incident Facilities and Locations
Comprehensive Resource Management
Integrated Communications
Establishment and Transfer of Command
Unified Command
Chain of Command and Unity of Command
Accountability
Dispatch/Deployment
Information and Intelligence Management

Lets Review the Chain of Command

Chain of Command



An orderly line of authority is used for the flow of task assignments and resource requests. This line of authority flows down through the organizational structure.

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And we come to Unity of Command

Unity of command means that each individual involved in incident operations will be assigned and will report to only one supervisor.

Chain of command and unity of command help to ensure that clear reporting relationships exist and eliminate the confusion caused by multiple, conflicting directives. Incident managers at all levels must be able to control the actions of all personnel under their supervision.

Unity of command clears up many of the potential communication problems encountered in managing incidents or events because each individual maintains a formal communication relationship only with his or her immediate supervisor.

Don't confuse unity of command with Unified Command!

An explanation about Unified command

When no one jurisdiction, agency, or organization has primary authority and/or the resources to manage an incident on its own, Unified Command may be established. There is no one "Commander." The Unified Command can allocate resources regardless of ownership or location.

This illustration shows three responsible agencies managing an incident together under a Unified Command.

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Unified Command:

Enables all responsible agencies to manage an incident together by establishing a common set of incident objectives and strategies

Allows Incident Commanders to make joint decisions by establishing a single command structure at one Incident Command Post (ICP)

Maintains Unity of Command. Each employee reports to only one supervisor

Advantages of Unified Command

Advantages of using Unified Command include:

A single set of objectives guides incident response.

A collective approach is used to develop strategies to achieve incident objectives.

Information flow and coordination are improved between all involved in the incident.

All agencies have an understanding of joint priorities and restrictions.

No agency's legal authorities will be compromised or neglected.

Agencies' efforts are optimized as they perform their respective assignments under a single Incident Action Plan.

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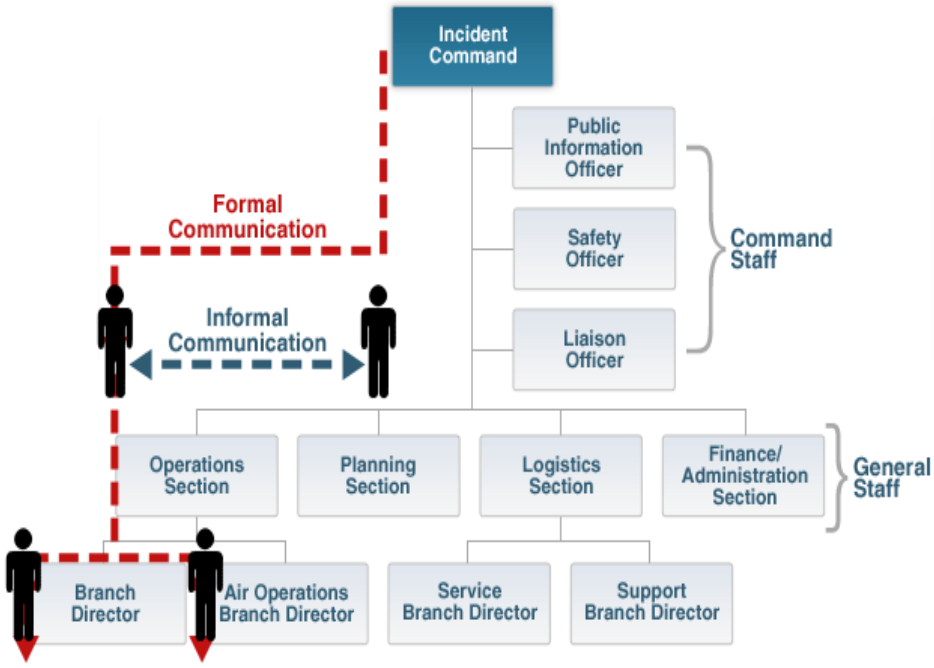
Integrated Communications Overview

Formal communications follow the lines of authority. However, information concerning incident or event can be passed horizontally or vertically within the organization without restriction.



Formal communications

As illustrated on the previous image, formal communication must be used when:

Receiving and giving work assignments

Requesting support or additional resources

Reporting progress of assigned tasks

Other information concerning the incident or event can be passed horizontally or vertically within the organization without restriction. This is known as informal communication.

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Informal Communication

Informal communication:

Is used to exchange incident or event information only

Is NOT used for:

Formal requests for additional resources

Tasking work assignments

Within the ICS organization, critical information must flow freely!

Examples of informal communication are as follows:

The Communications Unit Leader may directly contact the Resources Unit Leader to determine the number of persons requiring communications devices.

The Cost Unit Leader may directly discuss and share information on alternative strategies with the Planning Section Chief.

Common Leadership Responsibilities

A good leader:

Communicates by giving specific instructions and asking for feedback.

Supervises the scene of action.

Evaluates the effectiveness of the plan.

Understands and accepts the need to modify plans or instructions.

Ensures safe work practices.

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Takes command of assigned resources.

Motivates with a "can do safely" attitude.

Demonstrates initiative by taking action.

Leadership values

A leader commits to excellence in all aspects of his or her professional responsibility. Leaders should know, understand, and practice the leadership responsibilities and recognize the relationship between these responsibilities and the leadership values. Commitment to duty, respect, and integrity are essential values that must be demonstrated in order for a leader to be effective.

COMMITMENT TO DUTY

Duty begins with everything required by law and policy, but it is much more than simply fulfilling requirements.

How does an effective leader demonstrate commitment to duty to those he or she leads?

An effective leader should try to:

Take charge within his or her scope of authority.

Be prepared to step out of a tactical role to assume a leadership role.

Be proficient in his or her job.

Make sound and timely decisions.

Ensure tasks are understood.

Develop subordinates for future events.

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Leadership and respect

In order to maintain leadership and respect, a leader should:

Know his or her subordinates and look out for their well-being. A leader's workforce is his or her greatest resource. Not all workers will succeed equally, but they all deserve respect.

Keep his or her subordinates and supervisor informed by providing accurate and timely briefings and giving the intent behind assignments and tasks.

Build the team. Conducting frequent briefings and debriefings with the team enables a leader to monitor progress and identify lessons learned. Considerations made during these meetings should include team experience, fatigue, and physical limitations when accepting assignments.

Communication Responsibility

To ensure sharing of critical information, all responders must:

Brief others as needed

Debrief their actions

Communicate hazards to others

Acknowledge messages

Ask if they do not know

While not always possible, the most effective form of communication is face-to-face.

Briefing Elements

Provide complete briefings that include clearly stated objectives and the following elements:

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Incident Management Assessment

Assessment is an important leadership responsibility and is conducted after a major activity in order to allow employees and leaders to discover what happened and why. Assessment methods include:

Corrective action report/After-Action Review (AAR)

Debriefing

Post-incident critique

Mitigation plans

Using Common Terminology

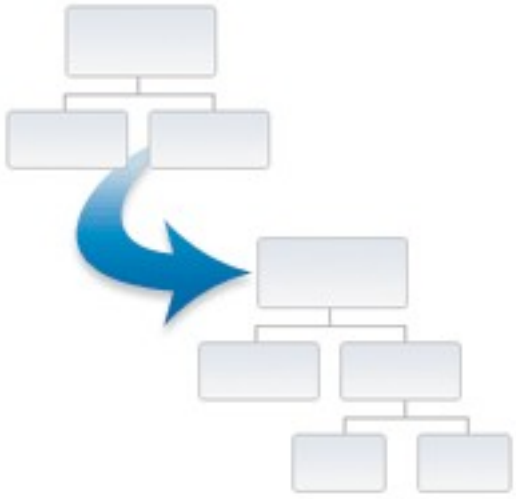
ICS establishes common terminology that allows diverse incident management and support entities to work together.

Major functions and functional units with incident management responsibilities are named and defined. Terminology for the organizational elements involved is standard and consistent.

ICS Organization: REVIEW

The ICS organization:

Is typically structured to facilitate activities in five major functional areas: Command, Operations, Planning, Logistics, and Finance/Administration



Is adaptable to any emergency or incident to which domestic incident management agencies would be expected to respond

Has a scalable organizational structure that is based on the size and complexity of the incident

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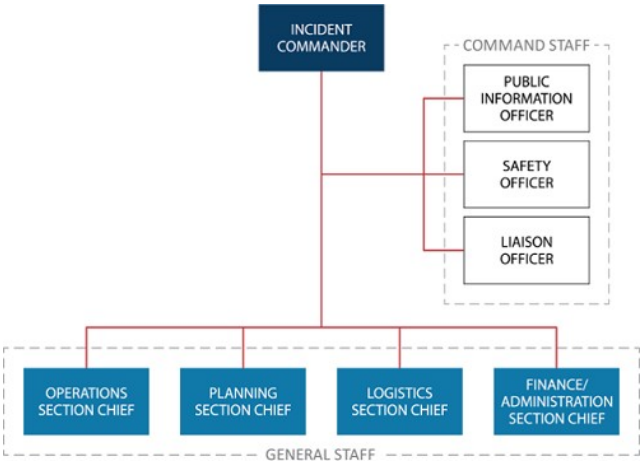
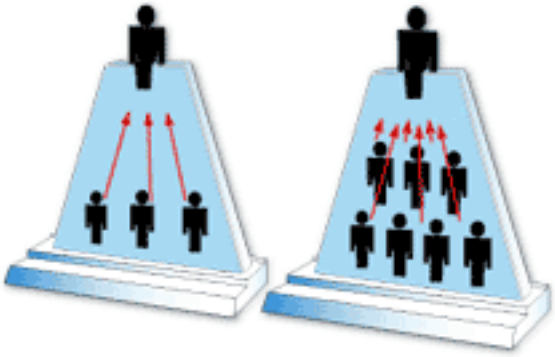
However, this flexibility does NOT allow for the modification of the standard, common language used to refer to organizational components or positions.

Who's responsible for what?



NIMS Management: Manageable Span of Control

The optimal span of control for incident management is one supervisor to five subordinates; however, effective incident management frequently necessitates ratios significantly different from this.



The 1:5 ratio is a guideline, and incident personnel use their best judgment to determine the actual distribution of subordinates to supervisors for a given incident or EOC activation.

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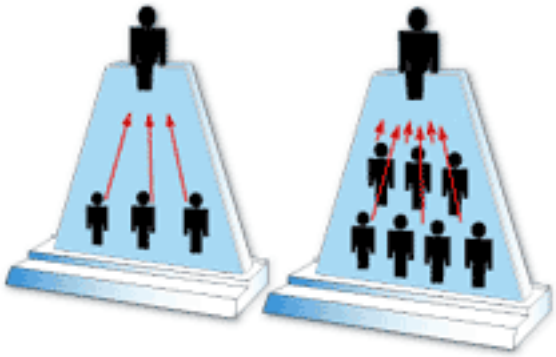
Modular Organization

The ICS organization adheres to a "form follows function" philosophy. The size of the current organization and that of the next operational period is determined through the incident planning process.



Because the ICS is a modular concept, managing span of control is accomplished by organizing resources into Teams, Divisions, Groups, Branches, or Sections. When the supervisor-to-subordinate ratio exceeds manageable span of control, additional Teams, Divisions, Groups, Branches, or Sections can be established. When a supervisor is managing too few subordinates, Sections, Branches, Divisions, Groups, or Teams can be reorganized or demobilized to reach a more effective span of control.

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Typical organization structure.

The initial response to most domestic incidents is typically handled by local "911" dispatch centers, emergency responders within a single jurisdiction, and direct supporters of emergency responders. Most responses need go no further.

Approximately 95% of all incidents are small responses that include:

Command: Incident Commander and other Command Staff

Single Resource: An individual, a piece of equipment and its personnel complement, or an established crew or team of individuals with an identified work supervisor that can be used on an incident

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Expanding incidents

Incidents that begin with single resources may rapidly expand requiring significant additional resources and operational support.

Use of Position Titles

At each level within the ICS organization, individuals with primary responsibility positions have distinct titles. Using specific ICS position titles serves these important purposes:

Provides a common standard

Ensures qualified individuals fill positions

Ensures that requested personnel are qualified

Standardizes communication

Describes the responsibilities of the position

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ICS Supervisory Position Titles

Titles for all ICS supervisory levels are shown in the table below:

Organizational Level	Title	Support Position
Incident Command	Incident Commander	Deputy
Command Staff	Officer	Assistant
General Staff (Section)	Chief	Deputy
Branch	Director	Deputy
Division/Group	Supervisor	N/A
Unit	Unit Leader	Manager
Strike Team/Task Force	Leader	Single Resource Boss

Thats all for this months ICS-200 training. We will continue with the module next month.

It is a lot to take in and the actual course is a 2 day training so I will continue next month.

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The Learning Corner

This months learning corner is about AREDN

AREDN stands for Amateur Radio Emergency Digital Network, but it has become much more than that. People use it for events, pre-set up, for practice drills, even clubs can use it for a private network. It allows video , phone calls using ip telephones, chatting, file transfers, E-mail, a website, the possibilities are endless. If you can do it using the internet, then you can do it with AREDN.

But what is AREDN actually?

AREDN is customized software that replaces the standard software in routers, and access points so they may be used by amateurs on the amateur radio bands in the 900MHz, 2.4, 3.4, and 5.8 GHZ frequency ranges.

They form a mesh, where as long as a node can see another node they can communicate. They are an Ad-Hoc network so if a station disappears for any reason the network will find another route to transfer data.

While the 900Mhz and 3.4GHz bands are still available, there is no longer any equipment that can be bought for them primarily the 2.4 and 5.8GHz bands are used.

The hardware that you can use is a long list. This is the link to the hardware list:

https://www.arednmesh.org/content/supported-devices-0

The link to the actual AREDN website is here:

https://www.arednmesh.org/

Most of the equipment can be purchased for $200 or less, depending upon what you want to do with it.

That's all I have about AREDN. There of course is a wealth of information about AREDN on the internet and I highly recommend looking up the information from the AREDN website.

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Recurring Club Meetings and Events

This is a listing all events of the club that repeat monthly

The club net is on July 9, 16, 23, 30, at 2000 hours using the W6VVR Repeater

The club meeting is July 11th at 1900 hours using the Vacaville Nut Tree Airport Meeting Room

The club Cow Town casual QSO is on July 4, 11, 18, 25 at 1030 hours on the W6VVR Repeater.

Saturday July 13th at 1900 hours KK6ZJC will be using zoom to practice passing messages. Anyone wishing to join in contact KK6ZJC by email at coffeeholic1a@yahoo.com. Please put ECOMM TRAINING INQUIRY in the subject. I will generally check right up through Saturday night about 1830 hours local time.

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Special Club Meetings and Events

I am listing all special events the club is looking for volunteers to assist in as well as fox hunts or events out of the ordinary.

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Contest for May

Below is link to a great contesting website by fellow Amateur Radio Operator Bruce Horn, WA7BNM

https://contestcalendar.com/

The calendar list contest in multiple ways.

It is easy to use and regularly updated.

Hope that it helps you with your contesting!

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The Club Repeater(s)

The Vaca Valley Radio Club sponsors repeaters on several bands.
The club provides some financial support, but the owners provide a substantial portion of the cost of their operation.
The efforts of the owners are greatly appreciated.

The main repeater for the club is:

Call Sign: W6VVR
Output Frequency: 145.470MHz
Input Frequency: 144.870MHz
CTCSS tone (P.L.): 127.3Hz
Offset Frequency: 600KHz
Offset Direction: Minus

Vaca Valley Radio Club Sponsored Repeaters
As Of November 1, 2023

Rptr Out	Offset	P.L.	Call/ Location	Linked Repeaters
145.470	Minus 600 KHz	127.3	W6VVR Mt Vaca	Linked to 441.650 MHz
440.025	Plus 5 MHz	127.3	WV6F Mt Vaca	
441.650	Plus 5 MHz	100.0	N6VLF Fairfield	Linked to 145.470 MHz
145.140	Minus 600 KHz	77.0 DG-ID 00-00	Moderate level	Can operate Yaesu Fusion AMS Can be linked to 145.470 MHz or 441.650 MHz

Visitors are welcome to use the repeaters.

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EchoLink and AllStar Nodes

The Vaca Valley Radio Club operates both an EchoLink and an Allstar Nodes that link to the clubs main repeater on 145.470 MHz on top of Mt Vaca.

NOTE: EchoLink is UP, Allstar node is UP.

Call Sign: W6VVR

EchoLink Node 454312 W6VVR-R

Allstar Node 51094

Visitors are welcome to use the nodes.

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2024 Officers:

President:	Servando Miramontes	K6SRV
Vice President:	Dan Martin	N6ETR
Treasurer:	Brian Steinberg	KB0A
Secretary:	Mike Rodgers	KN6MIO

2024 Board of Directors:

Art Aronsen	WD6BQX
Chris Swanson	KJ6DLF
Mike Gregory	WB6WYF
Will Shaffer	W6SRX

Net Control Operators

1st Week Of The Month	Bob Hawkins	KM6BXZ
2nd Week Of The Month	Chris Swanson	KJ6DLF
3rd Week Of The Month	Frank Garay	KJ6RWQ
4th Week Of The Month	Dan Martin	N6ETR
5th Week Of The Month	Dan Martin	N6ETR

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VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:

Membership	Bryan Steinberg	KB0A
Repeater Trustee	Brian Hagen	KK6BXP
Repeater Committee Chair	Brian Hagen	KK6BXP
Newsletter Editor	Stephen Bartels	KK6ZJC
Webmaster	Bryan Steinberg	KB0A
Net Control Coordinator (Filled by the Vice President as per the Club Constitution)	Dan Martin	N6ETR
Activities Committee Chair	Don Preston	KM6INR
Monthly Message Passing Practice Net	Stephen Bartels	KK6ZJC
Foxhunt Coordinator		
Bicycle Events Coordinator		
Parade Events Coordinator		
Winter Field Day Committee		
Dixon Mayfair Parade		
June Field Day Committee		
Merriment on Main		
December Meeting		

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Volunteer Positions (Continued)

Winlink Committee Chair

FL-Digi Committee Chair

AREDN Committee Chair

We still have numerous committees that need chairpersons and volunteers for the upcoming year (2024). (See the list above.) They need to be filled for the upcoming year by younger volunteers and those with experience to guide the club forward into the future.

This is your club. You can make it a great club by participating in meetings, events, and nets, or you can watch the club wither away and die from lack of participation by ALL members.

It is in your hands, are you going to watch the club end or are you going to jump in and help steer the club forward to the future?

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Vaca Valley Radio Club, Inc

Membership Application/Renewal Form

November 2019 Dues are payable annually.

New Members Please Fill in All Fields Completely
Renewing Members Please Provide Name and Call Sign, Other Fields *Only if there are changes*

Member Information

FCC Name:_____

Street:_____

Street 2:_____

City:_____

State:_____ Zip-Code+4:_____

Home Phone:_____

Cell Phone:_____

Call Sign:_____

License Class:_____

ARRL Member?_____

Member No:_____

Name Badge Name_____

Payment Information

Member Dues: $25.00 _____

Additional Family Members: $2.00 _____

Student: $5.00 _____

Repeater Donation: _____

Total:_____$_____

Paid by Check: $_____

Check number: _____

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Family Member (Spouse or Children)

FCC Name:_____

Call Sign:_____

License Class:_____

ARRL Member?_____

Member No:_____

Name Badge Name_____

Family Member (Spouse or Children)

FCC Name:_____

Call Sign:_____

License Class:_____

ARRL Member?_____

Member No:_____

Name Badge Name_____

Family Member (Spouse or Children)

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ARRL Member?_____

Member No:_____

Name Badge Name_____

Family Member (Spouse or Children)

Name:_____

Call Sign:_____

License Class:_____

ARRL Member?_____

Member No:_____

Name Badge Name_____

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CONSTITUTION of the VACA VALLEY RADIO CLUB. Incorporated

Adopted: January 1988: Amended: 1988, 1989,1991,1992,1993, 2008, 2015, 2019

PREAMBLE

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves and our communities, the rights and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the Vaca Valley Radio Club and enact this constitution as our governing law and guide.

It shall be our purpose to further the education and cooperation of all members, to promote fraternalism and operator proficiency, educate the public and encourage the development of new amateurs and members, assist in emergencies and with public welfare and safety, promote Amateur Radio through public service participation, conduct meetings to promote radio knowledge and greater cooperation between members, act to resolve radio interference problems and coordinate the use of the radio frequencies allocated by the Federal government in the best interest of all amateurs residing within the stated jurisdiction of the club, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the communities.

ARTICLE 1: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All persons Interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and acceptance upon such terms as the club shall provide in its By-Laws.

Section 2. Members may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the voting membership using secret ballot. The vote must be taken at a business meeting following a business meeting at which the action and vote are proposed.

Section 3. Full membership entitles the member to attend all club activities, vote in elections, hold club office, propose a vote from the floor, and seek club participation in proposed projects and activities.

Section 4. Associate or student membership entitles the member to attend all club activities, speak during meetings, propose a vote from the floor and avail themselves of educational opportunities sponsored by the club.

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ARTICLE 2: OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Directors.

Section 2. The officers of this club shall constitute the board of directors.

Section 3. The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present at the stated annual meeting during November, *with the exception of* the treasurer whose term shall be two calendar years.

Section 4. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by presidential appointment with approval by five members of the board of directors. The appointee will then serve for the remaining term of office.

Section 5. Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership attending a business meeting following the next business meeting at which the vote is proposed.

Section 6. The president ex-officio shall endeavor to be an advisor to the board of directors.

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ARTICLE 3: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The president shall preside at all board meetings and club meetings. The president shall enforce due observance of this constitution and by-laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of president.

Section 2. The vice-president shall in the absence of the president preside at all board meetings and club meetings. The vice-president shall supervise and be responsible for weekly radio nets for the dissemination of information of common interest to members. The vice-president shall be responsible for scheduling of club activities and meeting programs.

Section 3. The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of board of director's meetings and club meetings, compile records of all duly constituted committees and conduct all written correspondence and forms submitted directly by committees. The secretary shall turn over all items pertaining to their office and belonging to the club to the duly elected successor at the expiration of the term of office.

Section 4. The treasurer shall receive and receipt for all moneys paid to the club; keep an accurate account of all moneys received and expended; pay bills when properly authorized, and submit all necessary forms to Federal and State agencies. The treasurer shall maintain a current list of all members in good standing and present membership applications. The treasurer shall submit bills for payment to those owing money to the club. The treasurer shall turn over all items pertaining to their office and belonging to the club to the duly elected successor at the expiration of their term of office. The term of office shall be two calendar years.

Section 5. The four directors will attend the board of directors meetings. The four directors are responsible for voting in the best interest of the club and Amateur Radio. The directors are expected to solicit opinions and ideas from the general membership and represent them at the board of directors meetings.

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ARTICLE 4: RULES OF GOVERNMENT

Section 1. There will be three types of membership: Full, Associate, and Student. Full membership requires a current amateur radio license. Associate and student memberships are provided for non-licensed persons.

Section 2. Only full members in good standing can vote or hold elective office.

Section 3. Club officers and four full members constituting the board of directors will be elected by ballot and require a plurality of the voting membership present for the election. Any club member may nominate themselves or another member as long as the nominee meets the qualifications for the position. A nominee must acknowledge acceptance of the nomination to the club secretary prior to balloting. All nominations shall be presented to the club secretary in writing. There shall be provision for verbal nominations from the floor prior to balloting. Nominations will be accepted at the October and November business meetings with voting at the November business meeting. The new officers will be installed at the December Social Meeting/Christmas Party.

Section 4. Club meetings are to be of two types: Business and Social. The business meetings will be for the conduction of business. Social meetings are for membership education and the furtherance of the clubs' fraternal relationship.

Section 5. Regularly scheduled business meetings will be held at least 2 times per year and will begin at 6:00 P.M., unless the board of directors deems it necessary to change, at which time the membership shall be informed by email and the weekly club net.

Section 6. Business and board meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order unless otherwise superseded by the club by-laws.

Section 7. Business meetings are required for the election of officers, changing the articles or bylaws, changing the dues of assessment of members, removal of officers or members, and conditions affecting the continual functioning of the club as specified in the articles and bylaws.

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Section 8. A business meeting may be called by the president after notification of the general membership five days in advance. The general membership may request a business meeting by a majority vote of the full membership present at a properly scheduled social meeting. The board of directors may request the scheduling of a business meeting by a vote of the majority of its members. Circumstances for an emergency meeting require a two-thirds vote of the board of directors and notification of the full membership by email or radio net. Business meetings shall be held as necessary.

Section 9. A social meeting will be held on the stated meeting date whenever a business meeting is not scheduled. The order and nature of the meeting will be determined by the president. Social meetings should be held, when possible, and with sufficient notification, at regular locations and times to encourage greater overall participation.

Section 10. The president may take emergency action on activities, events, and expenditures, providing that the actions are reported to the board of directors as soon as possible. The president must then request a vote to determine if the actions will be endorsed and supported by the board.

Section 11. The president may call a business meeting during a regularly scheduled social meeting for the purpose of transaction of urgent or emergency business. This requires the approval of a majority of the members of the board of directors in attendance.

Section 12. The board of directors is required to meet at least twice a year. The date and times are to be selected by the president and approved by the board of directors.

Section 13. Board of directors meetings requires a minimum of four board members to be present to constitute a quorum and conduct club business.

Section 14. The president may be counted for constituting a quorum, but can vote only to make or break a tie.

Section 15. The board of directors has the authority to approve all expenditures, events, activities, and incidental matters pertaining to the club.

Section 16. Any club member may attend a board of directors meeting.

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BY-LAWS of the VACA VALLEY RADIO CLUB. Incorporated

Section 1. Full and associate membership dues will be $25.00 per year. Dues are valid for 12 months through the end of the month in which they were originally paid. Family members at the same residence may become Full or Associate members by paying $2.00 per person per year. Student membership will be $5.00.

Section 2. The club shall maintain legal corporate status.

Section 3. The club shall maintain, advance, and support communications equipment and projects common to Amateur Radio and club interest.

Section 4. The club shall recognize that there are many aspects of Amateur Radio and it endorses individual participation. The club shall provide for activities and events to educate and advance members' proficiency and to further the best interest of the community and Amateur Radio in general.

Section 5. If practical the club shall publish and distribute the club newsletter as determined by the Board Of Directors.

Section 6. The club shall endeavor to maintain membership in the American Radio Relay League, so far as the relationship does not interfere with the best interest of the club.

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Directions To the Monthly Meeting from Fairfield, Suisun City And Other Areas West of Vacaville

Coming from Fairfield: Take Highway 80 East Bound. Take exit 55 Nut Tree Parkway / Allison Drive. Stay to the left and enter the right left turn lane

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Turn left from the right turn lane and stay in the right lane. Be careful not to get back on the highway entrance.

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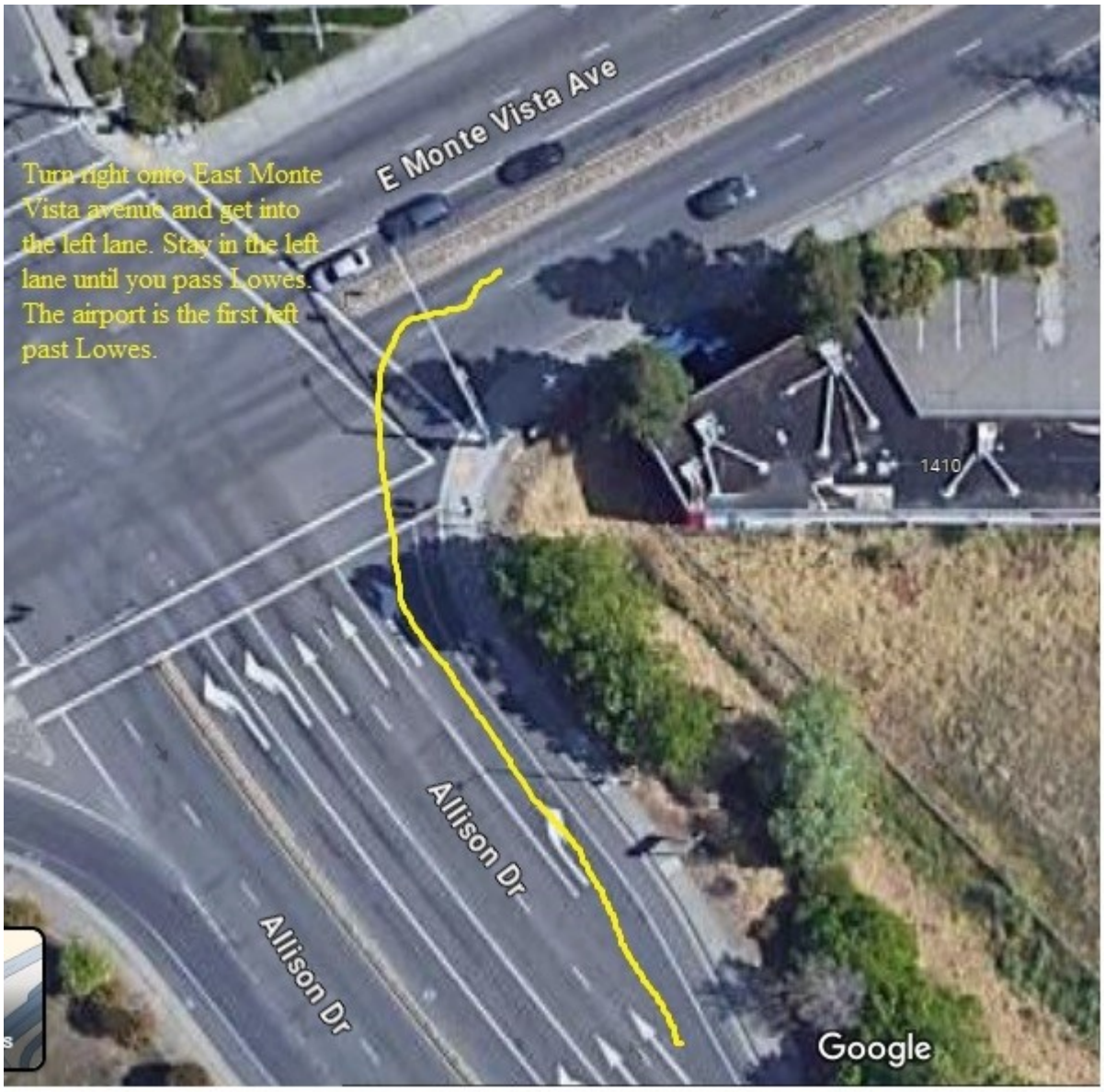
Go over the overpass and make the right turn onto East Monte Vista Avenue.


Turn right onto East Monte Vista avenue and get into the left lane. Stay in the left lane until you pass Lowes. The airport is the first left past Lowes.
E Monte Vista Ave
1410
Allison Dr
Allison Dr
Google

Get in the left lane of E Monte Vista Avenue and drive East until you pass Lowes.

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The airport is immediately past the Lowes Parking lot.

Turn left and drive to the airport parking lot on your right.

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Directions To The Monthly Meeting From Dixon, Sacramento And Other Areas East of Vacaville

Coming West from Dixon take the E Monte Vista Avenue exit, (exit 55)

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Take the Right turn Lane at the exit

Stay in the right lane until the light.
At the light turn Right and get into the left lane.

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Get into the left lane and drive East until you see Lowes.
The airport is immediately past the Lowes parking lot

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Turn left and drive to the airport parking lot on your right.

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